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RE: C00424713 - Committee to Elect Alan Grayson

Dear Ms. Iovino:

This letter responds to your inquiry regarding our October Quarterly Report. The report covers the period from August 7, 2008 through September 30, 2008. You point out the stated purpose for approximately 255 disbursement entries was Administrative/Salary/Overhead Field, or some variation thereof. You have asked us to specify the purpose of these disbursements.

The disbursements in question general cover compensation to persons engaged in voter contact. During the campaign, we referred to this as fieldwork. This typically took two forms: either knocks on the doors of households in the district, or phone calls to those households. When an individual performing such work was paid (i.e., not a volunteer), the description for the disbursement often was field. This was direct compensation to the individuals who rendered the service to the campaign.

We now recognize that the term field is ambiguous, because it could be interpreted as referring to fieldwork or to the field in the FEC form. We regret the possible confusion.

As indicated in our last letter, we are now error-checking the 30-Day Post-General Report, for amendment and resubmission. In response to your inquiry, we have endeavored to avoid the description field in the amended version of those reports. We also will refrain from using that description in future reports.

It is our understanding that this explanation obviates the need to amend the October Quarterly Report regarding this issue. If you nevertheless would like us to amend the report formally, then please let us know, and we will do so.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Grayson  
Committee to Elect Alan Grayson